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Watermelon field day to be held at Edisto REC

COLUMBIA, SC – A Watermelon Field Day will be held at the Edisto Research and Education Center located at 64 Research Road in Blackville, on July 10, 2008.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the office complex, followed by an indoor session held in the auditorium. Topics discussed include: SC Watermelon Board and Association activities; The South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Certified South Carolina Grown branding program; and a Watermelon Variety Trial and Research update. Following the indoor sessions, there will be field tours to look at research projects and variety trials.

The field research tours will include numerous topics including: Irrigation and Grafted Watermelon Research Project, Root Coring Demonstration, Multi-state Rootstock Grafted Trials Results, seedless watermelon replicated variety trial with 26 different varieties.

For more meeting details and directions to the Edisto Station, contact the Edisto REC at 803-284-3343 Ext. 273, or Brad Boozer with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture at 803-734-2225, or your local Clemson Extension Agent. Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) and Pesticide License credits will also be offered.

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